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- 11. (SBU) During a meeting on October 9, MFA Security and Non-proliferation Department Head Vilmos Hamikus asked PolOff to forward Hungary's desire to serve as the Contact Lead Nation in Montenegro. Commenting that "Hungary has no nasty roots in the region," he stated that Hungary has a special priority in the Western Balkans.
- 12. (SBU) Underscoring the Hungarian assistance provided as the Contact Nation for Croatia in their lead-up to NATO membership, Hamikus stated, "we were successful in Zagreb, in particular with our special expertise in referendums."

 Noting three potential Contact Nation options proposed for Hungary Montenegro, Bosnia-Hercegovina or Macedonia Hamikus stated Montenegro is their number one choice and the GOH looks for U.S. support.

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